

WORK OF DISTRICT GOES MERRILY ON

Dog Days Busiest Time of Year in Official Circles.

CLERKS AWAY ON LEAVE

Stay-at-Homes Have More Labor to Perform—Commissioner Macfarland Hard Pushed on Account of Mr. Ross' Death and Major Biddle's Absence.

Dog days are, in many respects, the busiest part of the year at the District Building. Though several heads of departments and many of the clerks are on annual leave, the work goes on, and the increase of public business incident to the beginning of the new fiscal year proceeds without interruption. Something is done by means of electric fans and an ample supply of ice water to lessen the effects of summer heat, and those on duty clad in the thinnest fabrics of the wardrobe carry on the tasks in the several departments with unaltered vigor.

It is true that letters and postal cards from absentees, telling of the coolness on the mountain slopes and the invigorating breezes by the sea, produce discontent and longing for the coming vacation, but the municipal employee must take his turn with the rest, and work all the harder for the depleted office force. The music of the typewriter never ceases, and pens and pencils in nimble fingers record long columns of figures and draw plans of municipal improvement the same during midsummer as during other parts of the year.

Mr. Macfarland's Work.
The absence of Colonel Biddle during the month of June and the illness and death of Commissioner Ross have thrown additional work this year upon the working members of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Macfarland has borne the brunt of the heavy task, though he was ably assisted by Commissioner Ross until he was forced to give up, and by Colonel Biddle since his return to the city. The appointment of the assistant assessors and the other changes in the personnel of the municipal offices demanded a good deal of time, and Commissioner Macfarland has given much time to the carrying out of the law regarding the new municipal building. In fact, the hours of the Commissioners have been crowded with labor, and will be so crowded during several months to come.

End of Fiscal Year.
There are several reasons why the months of July and August are the busiest portions of the year in the District building, while dullness reigns in business and the streets look deserted on account of the annual holiday from the city. The fiscal year ends with the last day of June and the new appropriations become available on July 1. New plans of public work, new buildings, the purchase of the year's supplies and details innumerable begin and are worked out through the first two months of the fiscal year. It is the time for making several hundred contracts and for pushing along improvements that have been delayed by exhausted appropriations. The duties of the building department multiply, and the inspectors fly hither and thither on bicycles looking after the operations in the field. The sewer contractors are looked after sharply, street work, including laying curbs and sidewalks, progresses rapidly and the plans for the extensions of electric wires and lighting the city are urged forward. In fact, the summer months are the busiest for the entire Engineer Department.

Work of Health Department.
The work of the Health Department is also vastly increased in summer. At this time of the year the houses are open and noxious smells are wafted by every breeze, smoking ash dumps, refuse piles, vacant lots covered with weeds, filthy alleys, and defective drainage inspire complaint, and give the health officials no rest. The contagious diseases continue their inroads upon the population, the roaming of stray dogs and the ever-present necessity for watching the milk can and the vending of adulterated foods give the forces of the Health Department no end of trouble.

As the public is educated to the need of better sanitation, the more frequent become the requests for the removal of filth and the betterment of the surroundings of the people. In practice the Health Officer is notified in every morning's mail of every offensive smell in the District of Columbia, and each complaint requires a visit from an inspector. Sometimes there is complaint of the odor of the Health Department itself, especially when their visits entail the repair of defective drains or the removal of some cause of offense, which requires the expenditure of money, but on the whole the work of enforcing better sanitation is appreciated by the people of the District.

Activity of Police.
There has been considerable activity in the Police Department during the month of July in preparations for moving into new quarters, and the actual removal will take place within a short time. The usual changes incident to the beginning of the new fiscal year are now out of the way, but much attention was given to the matter for several weeks by the heads of the department.

Chief Dutton, of the Fire Department, has recently moved into new quarters, and is rapidly getting settled. Affairs in the department are running smoothly, but there is much additional work required in the way of providing for the future as well as doing that in hand.

Tax Department Overrun.
The Tax Department is always overrun in summer. This year the additional work of providing for the assessment of personal property is occupying the attention of the newly appointed assistant assessors, as well as the Assessor himself, and his force of clerks. With the first of July comes each year the annual sale of dog tags, and the making out of a large number of licenses. The

list of tagged dogs in the District reaches about 9,000, and during the month of July about 3,000 tags were sold, leaving for the present month the sale of the remainder. Water rents also fall due in July, and August 1 is the last day of grace allowed by law. All this work puts heavy labor and long hours upon the clerical force in the offices of the Assessor and the collector. The Property Clerk.

The office of the Property Clerk and of the Superintendent of Property of the Engineer Department are busy places during dog days. The new contracts for all classes of supplies have to be arranged for at this time of year. This summer the work has been delayed somewhat by the illness of the late Commissioner Ross, and the majority of contracts remain unsigned as yet. The officers, however, have gone over the proposals received and have reported to the Commissioner, and the contracts have been prepared, entailing a mass of clerical work which has to be seen to be appreciated.

In other offices the routine work is greater in the hot months than at other times in the year. From year to year the business of the municipal government is rapidly increasing. It must keep pace with the growth of the city and the extension of public work into the suburbs. There is scarcely an office in the District government properly housed, and the need of a new building was never greater than now.

MANY LOSSES REPORTED.

Owners Mourn \$25 in Money, a Watch, and Several Bicycles.

A number of Sunday losses have been reported to the police. Miss Margarita A. Dunn, 1918 I Street northwest, notified the police that she lost \$25 on a street car on Pennsylvania Avenue northwest. She took the car yesterday morning at Twentieth Street and left it at Sixth Street, the loss occurring between those points. The money was in a silver beaded purse which also contained a number of car tickets and trinkets. Charles Bingham, 1511 Vermont Avenue northwest, reported the loss of a ladies' gold hunting case watch, with a monogram "E. H. M." The loss is supposed to have occurred on the Chevy Chase car or at the corner of Tenth Street and Rhode Island Avenue northwest.

Losses of bicycles were also reported in the usual large numbers.

THE WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Fair today and tomorrow; light to fresh westerly winds, becoming variable.

TEMPERATURE.
Highest temperature, 2 p. m. 90
Lowest temperature, 2 a. m. 71

SAME DATE LAST YEAR.
Maximum 87
Minimum 72

THE SUN AND THE MOON.
Sun rises, 5:01 A. M.; Sun sets, 7:10 P. M.
Moon rises, 11:01 A. M.; Moon sets, 7:27 A. M.

TIDE TABLE.
Low tide, 2:04 A. M. and 2:35 P. M.
High tide, 8:05 A. M. and 8:32 P. M.

STREET LIGHTING.
Lamps lit today, 7:46 P. M.
Lamps out tomorrow, 4:32 A. M.

AMUSEMENTS.
Kernan's—"Wine, Women and Song," afternoon and evening.

EXCURSIONS.
River View Schedule.
Steamer Macalester for Marshall Hall at 10 a. m.; 2:30 and 6:30 p. m.
Norfolk and Washington line for Fortress Monroe and Norfolk at 6:30 p. m.
Trains leave Pennsylvania Avenue and Thirtieth and A Streets for Alexandria and Arlington every half hour; Mount Vernon hourly, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.; Chesapeake Beach—See schedule under "Railroads and Steamboats" for time.

Colonial Beach—Steamer T. V. Arrow-smith. See schedule under excursions for time.

Day Ridge—Trains leave B. & O. station 9:10 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. week days.

	Max.	Min.	8 p.m. fall.
Atlantic City.....	80	74	74
Atlanta, Ga.....	90	68	80
Bismarck, N. D.....	76	44	70
Boston, Mass.....	84	70	76
Buffalo, N. Y.....	80	64	74
Chicago.....	82	70	70
Cincinnati.....	84	72	80
Cheyenne, Wyo.....	84	68	82
Davenport, Iowa.....	88	82	82
Denver, Col.....	88	64	84
Des Moines, Iowa.....	90	68	74
Galveston, Tex.....	86	80	84
Havana, Mont.....	82	60	82
Indianapolis, Ind.....	82	72	82
Jacksonville, Fla.....	90	76	76
Kansas City, Mo.....	96	76	90
Little Rock, Ark.....	96	74	90
Marquette, Mich.....	76	58	60
Memphis, Tenn.....	82	76	82
New Orleans, La.....	88	76	80
New York, N. Y.....	76	74	74
North Platte, Neb.....	83	66	80
Omaha, Neb.....	80	70	76
Pittsburg, Kan.....	80	68	76
Salt Lake City.....	96	76	92
St. Louis, Mo.....	92	78	86
St. Paul, Minn.....	78	68	70
Springfield, Ill.....	90	72	76
Vicksburg, Miss.....	84	74	88

Overcome by the Heat.

William Brennan, of Thirty-fourth and T Streets northwest, was overcome with heat yesterday morning on New Jersey Avenue, between D and E Streets, and was conveyed to the Casualty Hospital. He was revived within a short time, and was soon able to go to his home.

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CHILDREN VICTIMS OF RUNAWAY ACCIDENT

Were Out Driving Yesterday With Mr. G. V. Lawrence.

Took Bridle of Horse Off to Let Him Graze—Animal Bolted, Throwing Little Ones Out of Trap.

Four children, between the ages of five and thirteen years, were the victims of a runaway accident yesterday afternoon at 6:00 o'clock. All were more or less injured. They were taken to the Emergency Hospital in the ambulance. An hour later they were able to be removed, the physicians finding that bruises constituted the worst of their hurts.

The runaway occurred in a peculiar manner. Mr. G. V. Lawrence, 1127 Tenth Street northwest, took his two children, Lester, aged five, and Dudley, aged eight, and Frank and Walter Dunville, aged eight and twelve years, of Port Smith, Va., out for a ride. Mr. Lawrence drove down to the bathing beach, and there took the bridle off his horse in order to let it graze.

Horse Suddenly Wheeled.
Suddenly the horse wheeled and jerked away from Mr. Lawrence. Turning shortly, the trap in which the children were sitting was overturned by the horse and the children all thrown out. There was a slender pathway to the right of the buggy, and it was to this the children were thrown. The two sons of Mr. Lawrence were in the front seat, and were thrown on their faces. The Dunville children were more fortunate in the manner of alighting.

Pursuit on a Wheel.
Mr. Lawrence borrowed a bicycle and started in pursuit of his runaway. It was captured by a party of colored men near Fifteenth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, half a mile from the starting point. The buggy was not injured in the least by its being hastily bowled over the streets. The owner was soon driving back to pick up the children. When he arrived at the place of upsetting, Mr. Lawrence found that the children had been picked up and removed to the hospital.

Physicians had removed the bits of cinders from the faces of the little ones when Mr. Lawrence arrived at the hospital. He greeted the complete leveling of the wheels and then removed them to his home. It is not expected they will suffer any more serious consequences by reason of their experience.

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TWO NEGROES TREATED FOR BULLET WOUNDS

Peculiar Story Told by Man Named Washington.

Claimed to Have Been Shot by Person Who Shot Other Patient Named Sims.

Two negroes had pistol shot wounds dressed at the Emergency Hospital shortly before 12 o'clock last night. One, Albert Washington, was shot through the arm, and the other, Frank Simms, received a ball through the right foot. Neither wound shattered any bones, and therefore no great danger is apprehended. There is one peculiar circumstance connected with the case. Washington says they were both shot by the same person, and Simms claims never to have seen or heard of Washington. The latter left the hospital before this became known.

Washington went to the hospital at 11 o'clock last night. He had his arm bound up and said he had been shot. He asked that the wound be dressed, and the necessary attention was given by Dr. Cashman. In the meantime there had been received a summons from the Pennsylvania depot, and the ambulance had returned with another negro suffering with a wounded foot.

Story of Accident.

He told the story of his accident, and said his name was Frank Simms, forty years old, of 325 M Street southwest. Simms claimed that he was employed on the Southern Railway at Ditchley Station, Va., and that he had been shot by another colored man, Sam Burns, who also worked for the railroad company. According to Simms the men had engaged in an altercation, and the shooting was the result. Washington, who, by this time was ready to go, was asked the cause of his injuries, and answered that he was shot by the same man that shot Simms. The story was accepted at the hospital, and he was allowed to take his departure without further explanation.

HEARING IN MISS TAYLOR'S CASE TODAY

Interest in Appeal of the Department Clerk.

Importance of Litigation May Compel Postponement of Arguments Until Fall.

The hearing on the petition of Miss Rebecca J. Taylor for a writ of mandamus to compel the Secretary of War to reinstate her as a clerk in the War Department, which is scheduled to come on today promises to be more than ordinarily interesting. It would not be surprising, however, on account of the importance of the questions involved, if the argument of the matter would be postponed until the fall term of the Supreme Court of the District. This being "vacation" term the justices presiding in the court are averse to considering cases, particularly important ones, which do not demand immediate attention, and which may well be continued until the regular term of court.

Dismissed From Clerkship.
Miss Taylor was dismissed from a clerkship in the War Department by the Secretary of War for criticizing the policy of the President in relation to the Philippine Islands. She claims that she was unjustly dismissed because she was safeguarded by the civil service law, she being in the classified service.

Furthermore, Miss Taylor says that, holding office under the Civil Service, before being dismissed, she was entitled to have a copy of the charge against her made in writing and also an opportunity to answer.

This privilege, she says, was denied her, although she admits that she wrote the article, "Shall the Flag Stay Put?" which was published in a local newspaper, and to which exception was taken by the Administration. The contents of the publication, she further contends, are in no way a violation of the civil service rules, and if so construed by the

courts, she declares that her right to free speech, which is guaranteed her by the Constitution, has been taken from her. There is no reason, she says, why, simply because she is an employee of the Government, she cannot criticize as well as praise the acts of its officers. It is understood that there are many who do not approve of the way in which Miss Taylor criticized the Administration's policy in the Philippines, but who, in fact, approve of the President's policy there, but contend that she was entitled to a hearing before being dismissed from service. Whether or not the matter comes on for hearing today, it is expected that District Attorney Gould, representing the Government, will file the answer of the Secretary of War.

Colonel Maus Loses Bicycle.

Lieut. Col. M. P. Maus, United States Army, has asked the detective bureau to look out for a bicycle that disappeared from in front of his residence, 2612 Hillyer Place northwest, Saturday. He expressed the belief that it was taken by a negro who lives in his neighborhood.

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